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SUBJECT: CANADA OPPOSED TO IRAQ DISCUSSION IN UNESCO

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Classified By: Pol MC Brian Flora for reasons 1.5(b) and (d).

(C) We delivered reftel talking points to Jean-Luc Chouinard, Special Advisor for UNESCO in DFAIT's United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division, on April 2. Chouinard said Canada is in complete agreement with our position on keeping Iraq off the agenda for the UNESCO executive board meeting, and will join us in opposing efforts to include Iraq. Chouinard, who was to leave Ottawa the afternoon of April 2nd to attend the UNESCO board meeting, said Canada agrees that consideration of the Iraq situation should remain in the Security Council.
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